GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2182
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2004
RAILWAY LINK
Sarma Dr. Arun Kumar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the sectoral progress made on alternative Railway link to North East via New Moynaguri to Jogighopa showing status of locational survey, land acquisition, estimated amount and actual allocation against each sector;

(b) the details of the budget provision made for the above;

(c) whether land acquisition in Assam portion is delayed; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and action contemplated to complete the remaining task including gauge conversion of Dhubri to Fakiragram ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION No2182 BY DR. ARUN KUMAR SHARMA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22-07-2004 REGARDING RAILWAY LINK.

(a): The anticipated cost of construction of New Moynaguri-Jogighopa (245 km) is Rs.733 crore. Final Location Survey has been completed for the entire length. An amount of Rs.33.97 crore has been spent upto 31.03.04. Part estimate of Rs.89.07 crore has been sanctioned for New Moynaguri-Mathabhanga section. Land acquisition proceedings have been taken up with State Governments of West Bengal & Assam. An amount of Rs.9.36 crore and Rs.11.48 crore have been deposited with the State Governments of West Bengal & Assam respectively towards the cost of the land. Government of West Bengal has handed over land for 17.785 kms where works have been taken up.

(b): An outlay of Rs.42 crore has been proposed in the Budget 2004-05.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise. On Fakiragram-Dhubri section, gauge conversion of Fakiragram-Sapathgram has been taken up where bridge works are in progress. Earthwork and bridge works have also been taken up between Golakganj and Gauripur.